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Revised
Transmittal Memorandum No. 6

TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT:

Revised Retirement Cost Factors

This Transmittal memorandum updates the standard retirement cost factor and inflation factors used for computing Government personnel and non-pay costs under OMB Circular No. A-76, dated August 4, 1983.

The revised standard retirement cost factor to be used is 19.1 percent for all agencies except the Department of Medicine and Surgery (DM&S) within the Veterans Administration (VA). The factor for DM&S is 8.8 percent. The composite factors are derived from the six (1988-1993) yearly dynamic normal cost rates developed by the Office of Personnel Management. The standard factor represents the Government's share of the full dynamic normal costs of the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS). The factors do not include the Government's contributions to Social Security (OASDI) and thrift savings plan costs. The DM&S factor reflects only the actual costs the VA contributes to the two retirement funds.

The revised standard retirement cost factors for cost comparisons which contain special class employees are 23.5 percent for air traffic controllers and 25.5 percent for law enforcement and fire protection employees.

The President's FY 1989 Budget contains revised economic assumptions for Federal employee pay and non-pay cost increases covering FY 1988 through FY 1993. The following factors should be applied per paragraph C of the Supplement to Circular No. A-76 on pages IV-6 and 7:

Federal Pay Raise Assumptions

Inflation Factors

Effective Date	Military	<u>Civilian</u>
January 1988	2.0	2.0
January 1989	4.3	2.0
January 1990	4.6	3.0
January 1991	4.5	3.0
January 1992	4.2	3.0
January 1993	4.0	3.0

Non-Pay Categories (supplies, equipment, etc.)

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r y	1988	3.3
FY	1989	3.9
FY	1990	3.6
FY	1991	3.3
FY	1992	2.8
FV	1993	2.3

The wage base to compute the medicare benefit factor (1.45 percent) will increase on a fiscal year basis as shown below. This factor should be applied per paragraph D.3.g. of the Supplement on page IV-10.

FICA Wage Base

FY	1988	\$44,700
FY	1989	\$46,125
FY	1990	\$48,525
FY	1991	\$51,450
ΓY	1992	\$54,450
FY	1993	\$57,450

These revisions are effective upon publication and shall apply to all studies in process where the bids or proposals have not been opened.

